

Singapore Tamil Toastmasters (Solvendhar) Club

“**Solvendhar**” in Tamil denotes a person who is an intelligent able thinker and a competent speaker. Singapore Tamil Toastmasters club (STTC) alias Singapore Tamil Solvendhar Mandram was formed in September 2001 with a mission to create such personalities in the Tamil speaking community of Singapore and eventually worldwide. Since then, it has been successfully functioning with the support of Radin Mas IAEC and Tamil Language council.

Tamil is a classical Language that has a rich history of 5000 years and it is one among the 6 ancient languages in the world. STTC was formed as the World’s first Tamil Toastmasters Club to foster the public speaking skills of Tamil among the Singapore Indian community. The club’s objective is to concentrate on personality development along with Tamil language speaking skills.

Sharing Love and Knowledge cost us nothing and they are the only two things in this world, which keeps growing when you share. Having this principle as the foundation, STTC members share their knowledge in public speaking with others in the monthly meetings. This sharing of knowledge contributes to the growth of the self and to the Tamil language.

STTC has about 25 members from the start in 2001 to till date and it has produced world’s first Tamil CTM, CL and ATM and it is on its way to produce the worlds first Tamil DTM. In the last 3 years, STTC has scored very well in earning the Distinguished Club Points (DCP). For the Toastmaster year ended in June’05 (2004-05) it has scored all 10 DCP points and for the 2nd consecutive year it has earned the reputation of being a **President Distinguished Club**.

Apart from conducting regular monthly meetings, STTC is actively involved in community services, such as, conducting free workshops for secondary school students and for the general Tamil speaking public. The Contribution of STTC to Singapore Tamil society has been appreciated by one and all and its worth mentioning the below projects with which STTC is actively involved.

- STTC is actively involved in Training the students who participate in the Annual Tamil Debate competition “**SORKALAM**” which is conducted Nation wide among all the secondary schools. This debate competition gets telecasted Live in **Vasantham Central TV** and about 55 Schools take part each year. The training program spans across five months and each year every club member take parts in this mega training program whole-heartedly.
- STTC is really proud in assisting the transition of young people from today’s students to tomorrow’s leaders, by conducting regular speaking workshops in schools.
- STTC also conducts workshops and demo meetings in Community centers and for SINDA. This clearly sets an example for what Toastmasters can do for this society.
- Apart from all this STTC annually conducts its own Speech Marathon Competition, titled “**SOLVENDHAR**”, which is open to all Tamil Speaking adults and students. This competition is conducted in line with the rules of Toastmasters International.

Each and every STTC Member share their views with each other and works towards the noble cause of developing their personalities, skill set and as well as that of others. STTC marks a beginning of a new era in Singapore Tamil speaking community and it will stand out from the rest in the years to come the Toastmasters way.